

WILLIAM C. FISHER



1885—Born on farm near Strathroy, Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada, of German and Irish parentage.

1892-1899—Attended country school.

1899-1903—Worked on farm for parents.

1904—Attended Forest City Business College. Graduated in June in bookkeeping and shorthand. Farm hand for parents in summer months. Secured position in fall as assistant bookkeeper with Dougherty Manufacturing Co., Clinton, Ontario.

1905—Emigrated to United States, September 16. Secured temporary position with W. N. Wallace, mining engineer of Detroit and Duluth. On October 23, was engaged by Mr. C. B. Van Dusen of Kreege & Wilson, as bookkeeper.

1907—Promoted in March to Manager of store No. 10, Youngstown, O.

1908—Promoted in June to Inspector (as Superintendent's were known then).

1909—Was buyer of dry goods, laces, hosiery, ribbons, underwear and embroidery.

1910-1914—Was General Superintendent of Eastern district.

1915—Accepted management of Kansas City store.

1917—Married Miss Rose Helen Machovec of Kansas City, Mo.

1919—William C., Jr., born September 5.

M. F. FENNER



1889—Born on farm at Thomasburg, Northampton County, Pa., of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage.

1896-1904—Attended public schools at Beth, Pa.

1905—Started work in a grocery store at \$3.00 per week and attended the night sessions of a business college in Allentown, Pa.

1906-1911—Worked for Davies & Thomas Co., founders and machinists, as office boy, paymaster, shipping clerk, cost keeper, and estimator on contracts.

1912-1914—Attended law school, Cumberland University. Graduated June, 1914. Admitted to the bar in three states on written examination. Law practice short lived.

1915—Entered 5 and 10c business, in store No. 1, a school of business directed by Mr. W. F. Lentz.

1916—With Mr. Kells at store No. 36, and during this year returned to store No. 1. Quoting Mr. Lentz: "to polish off the rough edges and equip me for a managerial position." Was sent to Salem, Mass., this year to open up the new store there.

1918—Left Salem store to participate in the world war. Was made personnel sergeant and had charge of the Personnel Office at Ft. Howard, Md., until discharged in March, 1919.

1919—Was sent to Akron, O., store No. 113 by Mr. A. L. Hill to take a post graduate course in the 5 and 10c business with Mr. C. W. Bohler.

1920—Resumed management Salem store, February 2.